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to its continuance and further progress. Such apparently socialistic organizations as the village community in India or the Russian mir admitted a leaven of competition, and in any case the world is moving steadily away from them. In large and complex societies like our own, collectivism would be sheer madness, paralyzing initiative and discouraging foresight. The history of the human race has been the history of effort, of struggle against difficulties, hardships, and enemies. Socialism is the philosophy of failure. The struggle for existence is a stern, but kindly taskmaster, coercing us into vigor and happiness. The strength of socialism lies in the hardships which the competitive system allows; but these hardships can be removed without throwing individualism out of the window.

Such is the attitude of Mr. Headley. Much of what he says is true and many of his illustrations are sound enough. But one need not be a socialist to feel that the book is too cocksure, and that the treatment of very difficult questions, both of theory and practice, is somewhat superficial. Whether nature and history are such uncompromising champions of the competitive principle as he asserts is a matter of opinion, and the other side of the story has been told with power and learning in Prince Kropotkin's "Mutual Aid." The volume will be useful to beginners as a vigorous presentation of one side in a great controversy; to more advanced students it has little to offer.

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